

Holsey expresses message of working together at annual State of Tribes address

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Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey stressed unity among Wisconsin tribal nations, rather than division.

"Unity does not have to mean uniformity," she said. "It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within everyone. 'We the people' means everyone."

Holsey presented the annual State of the Tribes address on Tuesday, April 4, at the State Capital in Madison.

Throughout her speech, she urged lawmakers to use their roles as leaders to include a wider range of people in conversations and understand other sides.

She also touched on topics such as conservation, education, language, health care, the economy, and the need to rebuild the infrastructure.

At the beginning of her speech, she offered praise for Ho-Chunk member and veteran Myrle Thompson.

"I am extremely honored to pay special recognition to two Veterans,

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Member Ernestine Murphy and Ho-Chunk Nation Member Myrle Thompson," Holsey said. "World War II US Marine Specialist Ernest Murphy and Korean War veteran Meryl Thompson served their country honorably and with dignity.

"These Women showed us how ordinary people can do extraordinary things. Both raised in the ranks of their branches to work in highly confidential areas; Ernestine's services took her to Washington D.C. where she worked in the Secret Confidential Files of the Navy, while Meryl Thompson's trained in the Technical Communications and Crypto program that enabled her to serve as Code Talker in the Korean War," she said.

"Both were honorably discharged from the armed forces however that didn't stop them from continuing to serve their communities," Holsey said.

"I want to take this opportunity to shed light onto the role of our community's women warriors. There are over 140,000 American Indian and Alaskan Native Veterans living in the United States. Ten percent of these veterans are women. It was with purposeful intent that the Color Guard today was made up of all Women."

Holsey took a swipe at lawmakers who proposed

expanding economic development into Native American burial sites.

"We would never dream of disturbing a mausoleum or cemetery, so why would not the same respect and reverence be given to Native American ceremonial and sacred burial sites excavation leads desecration?" Holsey asked.

While Holsey praised Walker for opposing President Donald Trump's proposal to defund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, she stated that the state could do more to prevent a mine that is being proposed over the Michigan border that threatens nearby burial sites of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

She also advocated for the protection of the water resources in Wisconsin.

"Water is life. The concept, water is life, is simple, true, and something to stand up for and defend. I am asking you to stand in solidarity with us and be a steward of the land and water. I am asking you to stand up for the animals, the fish, and birds that cannot speak for themselves," she said. "While some may think it outrageous to stand up for animals, fish and birds; I would be remiss if I didn't say, 'We are all related.' Life is a circle; whatever we do to the circle, we do to ourselves."

Holsey said that, in the



Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey offers her speech as part of the annual State of the Tribes address, given in the Assembly Chamber in the state Capital in Madison.

public school system, education of Native American culture is vital.

"Wisconsin Act 31 placed certain requirements on school districts and the Department of Public Instruction to educate Wisconsin students on tribal history, culture and sovereignty. The Act has been in existence for 28 years. The better equipped our children are to understand the history and culture of all the citizens that make up this wonderful State of Wisconsin, the more apt are they to embrace and value opinions of each other," she said.

In the past 19 years, the Oneida Nation has invested nearly \$178 million from the Higher Education fund,

while the majority of the money was spent at nearby schools such as Northeast Wisconsin Technical School, University of Wisconsin Green Bay and College of Menominee Nation, she said. The program has been wildly successful and nearly 3,100 degrees have been earned. Oneida's higher education attainment in Brown and Outagamie Counties is highest among all residents.

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The Color Guard for the State of the Tribes address is made up of all women of all the Wisconsin tribes, with Kelly Greengrass representing the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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DNR staff springs into action to save co-worker's life

Submitted by the Heritage Preservation Dept.

On March 15th while on assignment, Lance Blackdeer noticed his friend and co-worker, Greg Blick, was not his usual self and appeared to be very tired and not responding to some questions. Greg got out of his climbing/cutting gear and the crew headed toward the local Plaza. After purchasing some aspirin and something to drink, Greg collapsed. Lance's instincts as a First Responder kicked in. He began taking immediate steps to resuscitate his unconscious coworker while his partner and emergency certified DNR worker, Reiss Blackhawk, secured the public area and remained on hand.

Lance yelled out, "Call 9-1-1!" then called for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) having just updated his First Responder certification days before. As luck would have it, another first responder happened to be on site and took off to the fire station which was coincidentally located right next door. According to the record, Greg's heart stopped for 4 minutes, but Lance refused to make "that call" to Greg's parents. He kept with compressions as he was trained to do and literally breathed life back into his friend.

On April 5th, the Department of Heritage Preservation (HP) and the Office of the President (OOP) had a small meal and gave a couple gifts to say thank you to Lance and Reiss for their unselfish heroism. It's a pretty emotional and traumatic ordeal but we are very happy with the outcome and how it's brought the team even closer together.

At the recognition ceremony, Lance said those procedures change from time to time and that he was glad he was recently recertified. Although he was worried he could do something wrong at that critical time, he knew doing nothing would not end well. Lance wasn't alone. Reiss was on the "assist" making sure the area was secure then getting right into the action cutting Greg's shirt open knowing the AED was en route. HP Executive Director, Jon Greendeer said in his expressions of gratitude for the amazing selfless action, "Of the 3,000+ employees and 7,500+ tribal members, how

many people just sit down and write a public 'thank you' note to the Ho-Chunk Nation for all it does?" Reiss did. Just a few months before, Reiss said that he really appreciated the opportunity to receive his certification in Wildland Fire Fighting, education in chainsaw operation and safety, heavy equipment, arborist training and of course CPR. He considers his experiences and sense of family blessings showing him as a man of true character.

Greg Blick takes care of our people, our families, our communities and he and others like him lift our Nation to the heavens. He cares about what he does and who he works for. Whether he knows it or not, his work has helped our ways. He has cut a lot the wood for our traditional and Native American Church ceremonies. He also traveled out to Cannonball to cut wood for the Oceti-Sakowin camp to help those opposed to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We both as a people and a Nation rely heavily on our DNR Foresters heavily to remove hazard trees, clear areas, fight fires, make wood accessible for heat and doings and EVERYONE in the Division relies on each other to meet the ever-growing needs. The Division doesn't function well without everyone there and everyone doing their part so safety is essential. Their "work" isn't done from behind a desk on any given day so the operating procedures that tend to fall off the radar for many are pillars of how this work unit functions each day.

We also are very proud of the Division of Natural Resource's incredible priority for safety ensuring that all workers are first responder certified. What took place on March 15th was a result of a cool, competent, and trained staff. In the background is the incredible, diligent leadership of the Acting Division Manager, Russell Hunter who reinforces the preparation and training you never want to use. He makes sure they work in a "buddy system" and they even have emergency procedures posted all about their office and equipment. He'll never put his staff in harm's way and wants to make sure they all go home to their families. If you ever met



Lance Blackdeer (left) is credited with saving Greg Blick's life (center) after he his heart stopped and he collapsed. Reiss Blackhawk (right) also was part of the life-saving team

him, you'd know immediately that Russ leads with his heart. Further, Russ kept up with the difficult parts post-incident. He called and messaged his staff, his supervisor, and Greg's family. HP kept OOP advised.

Greg is obviously more than appreciative of his brothers who were on the scene. While he's never been inclined to put too much faith into one expression or another, this trying day and the results prompted him to believe there was more than circumstance afoot; that he had his coworkers near, that they were certified to give him the help he needed, that a bystander knew where an AED was, and that it was close to the Plaza.

Greg is recovering well from the heart-attack. The crew experienced trauma of a member of their family so it's not taken lightly. The bond is strengthened and the importance of even the simplest and most overlooked items in the workplace at its highest level, where it should be. We can look to the Division of Natural Resources and this story as a good example of how a poor circumstance is dealt with BEFORE it happens. Thank you Lance and Reiss and it's great to have you back, Greg!



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Radio personalities take to the airwaves for Native American issues

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Staff Writer

When Robert Pilot and Curtis West hit the airwaves on Saturdays from 2 to 3 p.m., they offer a message seldom heard in the mass media field. Their radio talk show, “I’m Awake,” is about Native Americans and their issues, opinions, culture and traditions.

Their broadcast is on Native Roots Radio, AM 950 in Minneapolis and they have just aired their fifteenth show.

“Our weekly Native American talk radio show discusses national and local Native American news and events,” Pilot said. “Local and national guests help us keep current with Mother Earth, tribal and Twin Cities issues.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation is the main sponsor, having paid for a year of airtime for the show. It came as District 5 seed money until a good following is gained and advertising can help support the endeavor.

It seems that goal of a good following is already underway, with 7,000 to 10,000 followers tuning in weekly to the program, Pilot said. The show is being considered by public radio stations throughout the country.

“Native American Issues are human Issues. We invite all people to walk hand in hand with our struggles, victories and achievements,” he said.

“We touch on a number of issues that are important to Native Americans and frequently have respected Native American guests,” Pilot said.

For example, they recently had a show about the controversial subject of hunters being able to kill hibernating bears and wolves while they are in their dens.

The radio talk show has hosted fluent speakers and respected elders from Ho-Chunk, Ojibwa and Sac and Fox tribes.

Part of the program is a call-in segment where the public can voice their opinions or ask questions. They even allow “shout outs,” which gives recognition to a certain person, family or group.

They like to host a person they consider a tribal leader to teach the public what is going on in a particular area. They also like to have a definition

of words from the native language into English.

They also springboard into economic issues and the issue that many natives are considered third-class citizens. A prime example is how natives were treated at Standing Rock, similar to how they were treated in the days when the country was first being formed.

Even job opportunities are presented to tribal members during the show. They offer career possibilities, such as an electrical program in the Twin Cities that will train prospects and then offer them jobs once their training is complete.

To offer a cultural aspect to the show, West is a regular on the program, sort of a “side-kick” to Pilot, and offers a lot of elder wisdom. He hosts a part of the show called “What does my elder think?”

“On the first show, I did a really bad job,” West said. He is a former mass communications high school teacher. “Two people, who were scheduled to be on the show, bailed at the last minute. I was asked to talk on the show with no preparation. I was so nervous, I thought I did really bad. But when I listened to it later, it was pretty good.”

With demand and ratings on the rise, it may be a possibility the radio show will expand to two hours and they may have the opportunity to be on the air five days a week, that is, if sponsorship increases.

“The ownership usually gets complains from listeners about various shows, but all we’ve gotten, so far, are compliments,” Pilot said.

Two other people are regulars on the show, who have been integral to the success of the program. Those people are Wendy Pilot (Robert’s wife), and Wicapi Otto, a local elder.

A call-in phone number is also provided for people who wish to comment, ask a question, wish someone a happy birthday, provide information, or to offer a shout-out.

People who want to listen to the show can do so with a handy application, which is available for download on the program’s Web site at <http://www.am950radio.com/shows/native-roots-radio-presents-im-awake>.

Archives of previous shows are available on the Web site,

just in case someone missed a show.

At the end of each show, Pilot closes with the same message: “We need to resist, divest, join a group, run for office, resist, divest. You’ve been listening to Native Roots Radio ‘I’m Awake’ and I’ve been your host, Robert Pilot. I’m awake. The revolution is kicking into high gear. I would like to thank Wendy, Wicapi, Chooka Curtis, along with our guests. We’re still here. Piinagigi to our Creator and all our ancestors. We are the seventh generation.”

The radio personalities want the Ho-Chunk members to know that their show is possible through their generosity.

“We want to give our heartfelt gratitude to the Ho-Chunk Nation and especially the District 5 legislators,” Pilot said.



Curtis West (left) and Robert Pilot are both Ho-Chunk and they offer a Native American radio talk show in Minneapolis. Pilot points at his great-great grandfather that is pictured on page 10 of the Charles Van Schaick book, “People of the Big Voice.”

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health will launch an innovative substance abuse treatment program for adolescents on May 3rd

Submitted by Ruth Garvin, Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health is collaborating with The Seven Challenges® to bring this evidence based substance abuse and co-occurring disorders treatment program to adolescents in Black River Falls, Tomah, La Crosse, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, and Baraboo.

The Seven Challenges® model, which was created and written by Dr. Robert Schwebel, has become increasingly successful in targeting hard to reach and hard to engage adolescents. Instead of a one-size-fits all approach, the Seven Chal-

lenges Program is individualized with careful attention to meeting youth where they are at and providing successful counseling interventions. This helps young people look at themselves, understand what it takes to give up a drug abusing lifestyle, and prepare

on The Seven Challenges can be found at www.sevenchallenges.com.

Dr. Schwebel has worked for more than 35 years in the prevention and treatment of adolescent and young adult substance abuse. He has conducted training and workshop sessions for professional and community audiences around the country, published numerous books and articles, and developed prevention and treatment programs for schools, and public and private agencies. Regularly called for comments and interviews by the national and local press, Dr. Schwebel has appeared on the Oprah Show, The Today Show, numerous

CNN interviews, and The CBS Early Show.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health serves children, adolescents, adults and families in Black River Falls, Tomah, La Crosse, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, and Baraboo. The Ho-chunk Nation Division of Behavioral Health provides The Seven Challenges with a goal to provide youth opportunities to increase self awareness, develop skills, and utilize strengths, enabling them to become healthy, contributing members of their communities and families.

Community professionals are welcome to learn more about The Seven Challenges

Program. Please call Ruth Garvin, Black River Falls, 715-284-9851, ext. 5069 or by email at ruth.garvin@ho-chunk.com to provide a presentation of the program or for more information.



Every Bite Counts

Greetings Ho-Chunk Nation, My name is Danielle Hill and I am your new part-time Food Sovereignty/Garden As-



Danielle Hill, Food Sovereignty/Garden Assessment Coordinator

essment Coordinator. In this position, I will be responsible for conducting a Food Sovereignty Assessment (FSA) with the help of members from a FSA Team comprised of interested tribal citizens and families from the five Districts of the nation, tribal employees, and the HHCA AmeriCorps Garden mentors. Through focus groups, short interviews and surveys, the assessment will begin the process of telling the food story of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the food-related needs of the tribal citizens. Through a community driven and participatory process we will focus on strengthening tribal food systems, educating tribal members about diet-related

diseases, revitalizing traditions and recipes associated with agriculture and exploring potential agricultural enterprises. Food Sovereignty is important because it creates a more democratic food system that will empower your Nation and give tribal members a greater role in deciding how their food is produced and distributed and start the process of developing an economic profile to understand how much money leaves the community on food-related purchases.

As native peoples, we can no longer just be consumers of food, it is time to take back control of our bodies, our spirit and our traditional food ways. I'm here to help you do

that because if we as Tribes cannot feed ourselves then we are not truly sovereign.

I am a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts and was the former Senior Planner for our tribal Planning and Development Department. I have a Master's in Public administration with experience in sustainable development, community participatory research, as well as grant writing and program development. As a participant in a gardening initiative for my tribe, I am familiar with Food Sovereignty, Food Policy Councils and the importance of Tribes exercising their rights to healthy food via hunting, fishing, access to land and waterways

and establishing community gardens. I look forward to continuing to meet each and every one of you and hear the food stories of the nation. The first Food Sovereignty Assessment Team meeting will be scheduled for Monday May 8th, location TBD with a meeting notice to be distributed to all communities. If you are interested in joining the team or just have questions or want to talk, please call or email me at 774-212-1855 or Danielle.Hill@ho-chunk.com.

Every kid healthy

Submitted by Cari Ritter, Health Educator, HOW

Every child in the United States should be well nourished, physically active, healthy and ready to learn. Sadly one in three kids in this country is either overweight or obese. The good news is,

with sound nutrition and opportunities for physical activity, kids thrive.

Every Kid Healthy Week is an annual observance introduced to celebrate wellness achievements, occurring the last week in April. The Ho-Chunk Medical Clinic

in Baraboo is celebrating Healthy Kids on April 26, 2017. We welcome you and your children to join us for activities on nutrition, tobacco, exercise, and more.

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Change was difficult but absolutely necessary

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By JoDee Brooke

Life as a teenager was fairly typical for Henu Garvin – going to school and helping take care of her younger brother and sister. She loved school, loved learning, loved being around people. Gradually, things started to change.

“Henu was eventually diagnosed with teen depression. As part of her treatment, she was prescribed antidepressants.

“I had no idea what was happening to my bad feelings,” she described. “I didn’t want to take pills to make me happy. Once I had the awareness, it just seem to go away. Things weren’t that dark”

In late 2006, she lost a cousin who was killed when he jumped out of moving car. Within a few months of that loss, another cousin was killed in a car accident. He had been drinking and was driving. He was 20 years old when he died. The following year, Henu’s cousin committed suicide. He had just turned 20.

“The day I was told he shot himself, my mom took me to the hospital,” remembered Henu. “They prescribed me Xanax.”

“But when I ended up in the psych ward, I realized I’d never been in that dark of a

place before. By that fall, I was chaptered. I did that for myself. I was literally taking any pills I could get my hands on. I did anything I could to get them, going to the ER to get prescriptions. I absolutely had to have money to buy pills or I knew people who had what I wanted. There was always that one person I could go to.”

Henu remembered how sick she got going through withdrawal when she was in the hospital. “All I wanted was to get high,” she said. “I spent time in treatment after that and in a halfway house.” But even there, Henu said she was able to get pills. “Weed was always a constant,” she said.

In 2013, Henu learned she was pregnant. “By the time I got pregnant, I was a full-blown addict,” she shared. “I stole money, I stole pills. I always felt I didn’t deserve anything good. I didn’t get pregnant until I was 32. I adore kids. But, I really couldn’t believe I was pregnant, that I was going to have a kid. I think I was in denial and treated my body like I wasn’t having a kid. I took pills pretty much almost every day. After that psych ward when I’d gotten sick, I never wanted to get that sick again, so I kept taking pills.”

June 22, 2014, Henu gave birth to her son – a full-term 7

1/2 pounds. She named him JessLee after her friend Jesse with whom Henu had the type of friendship she’d never had before. She cared deeply for him. That friend also died. “He died Aug. 28, 2001, then September 11 happened, and I literally remember feeling, ‘OK, now everybody feels like I do.’ For me, September 11 had already happened.”

Within 24 hours of his birth, there was concern with JessLee’s breathing, and he was taken to a Marshfield hospital where he remained in the intensive care unit for two weeks. Henu stayed at the Ronald McDonald House.

Note, Henu had delivered her son cesarean, so she was given prescription pain medication, which continued to foster her addiction.

In the meantime, social services met Henu at the hospital shortly after JessLee’s arrival; they questioned Henu as to why her son would come up positive for opiates. Henu told them she had taken morphine pills but not heroin.

“I told them I’d get drug tested if they would allow me to bring him home with me,” remembered Henu. “July 11, he was discharged. I was trying to keep my baby and still use. At my first drug test, they found other things in my system. He was one month old when they took him away.”



Henu Garvin and her son JessLee are smiling these days. It’s been a long, difficult journey that has allowed Henu and her son to be together again.

Henu continued working with social services and Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health. In August of 2014, Henu left for a treatment center that allowed her to bring her son with her. She was there until January. “I used while I was at the treatment center,” she admitted.

Home a week from treatment, Henu failed her drug test and her son was again taken away from her. “My mind was addicted,” she described. “My body wasn’t so much fixated on getting high.”

Henu continued working with social services, completing her drug tests while looking forward to visits with her son.

The Ho-Chunk Nation had been working to establish its Family Wellness Court. “I was their first participant,” explained Henu. “At first, it was a trial and error thing with them. They were trying to implement the Family Wellness Court with our tribal traditional courts.”

Court requires weekly visits. “I wasn’t going to my meetings. I was getting into trouble for everything. It’s incredible to think of everything back then.”

The Family Wellness Court worked to get Henu into another treatment facility, this time in South Dakota, a long way from home for Henu. “I didn’t want to go that far, but I did. I was there for 45 days and I don’t even know how long into it was but every night they had speakers. One night, this lady spoke and I literally hear my mom tell me the same thing she was saying that night. In her early recovery, someone asked my

mom if she believed she was more powerful than God and she said no. “Then why can’t you forgive yourself,” they asked.”

“I realized that was the key – forgiving myself. I finally knew I could just leave the bad stuff at Keystone and go home. At that point, I didn’t care how long I’d have to stay there. From that point on, I realized I have a limited time here to get better so I can go home and do what I need to do. I’d made this amazing connection with God.”

Henu said once she “got her recovery” and made the connection with God, her life changed. She made it change.

“My sobriety date is September 6, 2015. I got out of treatment Oct. 18, 2015. I got my son back June 4, 2016. I thank God every day for not having the thoughts of needing to use. I look at my son, and he’s just this amazing little person. I really wanted to be a mom. Whenever he looks at me, it’s just this little ray of light and part of him is part of Jessie. I don’t ever not have Jessie with me.”

Henu and JessLee have their own home, Henu has a job and she’s nearing the end of Family Wellness Court.

“I lost my kid not once but two times now,” shared Henu. “Bring on the drug test. I had to change every single thing in my life, where I went, who I spend time with, how I think. But to have my son 24/7 is an incredible, indescribable feeling; I love him more than I thought I could every love anyone in the world.”

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Second group of Ho-Chunk Code Talkers honored with Congressional Silver Medals

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Seven more Code Talkers from the Ho-Chunk Nation were honored with Congressional Silver Medals during



The family of Alvin Blackdeer: Caroline Blackdeer and Barbara Blackdeer Mackenzie



The family of Alfred Oliver Stacy: George Stacy Sr., George Stacy Jr. and Arlene Keahna



The family of Donald Greengrass: Donald Greengrass Sr. and Kelly Greengrass

a presentation ceremony at HCG-Wisconsin Dells last week, on April 7, in recognition of their service in the United States military during World War II.

“We really respect the Code Talkers a lot,” said Navajo Army veteran Erwin Begay.

For throughout the war, the Code Talkers used their Native language to transmit messages that the enemy could not decipher. This unique ability made them particularly valuable to the American armed forces.

“In times of great need,” Language manager Adrienne Thunder said, “our language was more than we could’ve ever imagined.”

Understanding the importance of these Native American tribal members to our military, our enemies would often target the Code Talkers – as they would our medics – in combat. That meant a greater chance of being wounded or killed in action.

“There were a lot of lives lost,” Thunder said, “a lot of blood shed in order to protect



The family of Irvin Blackdeer: Jon and Elena Greendeer

the land that was left there for us.”

The seven Code Talkers recognized at this year’s ceremony were Army veterans Donald Greengrass, Donald Blackdeer, Irvin Blackdeer, Alfred Oliver Stacy, George Green, Adam Littlebear Jr. and Navy veteran Alvin Blackdeer.

Two of those men were killed in action, and the rest have since passed. But family members were present to accept the medals on their behalf.

“Think about the sacrifice a family member made,” President Wilfred Cleveland said to the families.

Each of them came forward, one at a time, to receive the award and a word of thanks from President Cleveland himself.

“I just want to express a sincere thank you,” said Cleveland.

The men recognized have joined seven other Ho-Chunk Code Talkers who were previously awarded a Congressional Silver Medal for their



The family of George Green: Monte and Karen Green



Congressional Silver Medals are awarded to families of the Ho-Chunk Code Talkers

service during World War II. Executive Director of Heritage Preservation, Jon Greendeer said those men and the sacrifices they made will never be forgotten.

“These are our warriors,” said Greendeer. “They are forever our warriors.”

In addition to the 14 congressional medals honoring individual Code Talkers, the

Nation was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 2013, to recognize the tribal members who performed such an important service. The United States Mint has made a bronze coin that replicates the Nation’s gold medal, and can be purchased online by anyone who wishes to always remember the Ho-Chunk Code Talkers.



The family of Donald Blackdeer: Gladys Morgan



The family of Adam Littlebear Jr.: Eric Sine and Betty LaMere

State of Tribes address *Continued from Page 1*

urban areas most children attend rural schools and therefore are not afford the option of a voucher system. It also must include a STEM program or STEAM that includes and recognizes the arts, which should begin in fifth grade,” she said.

“We can’t just invest in the status quo. We must invest in a vision of reform,” Hosley said. “Getting our babies off to a good start is often the best investment we can make. There’s nothing political to this.”

Keeping the culture of the Wisconsin tribes intact must include the preservation of the languages, she said.

“When a language becomes extinct, just like the gray wolf, it can take along with it much of the history and culture of the people who spoke it and revered it. I can’t stress enough the importance of retaining our tribal languages,” she said. “Our languages teach many things about us; language identifies our relationship to all our relatives including the four-legged and winged ones, the ones that live in the water or crawl upon the earth, and those that grow from the earth.

“Our language identifies us

and our relationship to creation and the spirits around us, and our children deserve nothing less than to have inherited their own language and the opportunity for it to be recognized just as valuable as all the other “foreign” languages offered within the State of Wisconsin’s places of education,” Holsey said.

The State must act quickly, she said. When Europeans first arrived in what is now the United States, more than 300 different languages were spoken. Today, only 175 remain, but many are only spoken by a small number of elderly people, and are in danger of disappearing.

Holsey said that health care is a vital component to ensuring the welfare of the people.

“It still amazes me that the United States is still the only major country not to guarantee healthcare to all its people. Affordable Health care should not be a privilege it should be a right,” she said. “We’ve got work to do. If we cannot address our people’s right to something as basic to life such as access to quality healthcare, then we need to be big enough to admit we have a problem.”

We cannot speak of health

care without the recognition of our most vulnerable, the elderly, disabled and children, she said.

The economy must be developed to help all people, especially people who are underprivileged, she said.

“We must grow the economy of the future to make sure that Wisconsin and Tribal Communities have the jobs we need to support family, home, and nation, our businesses must increase their share of the global economy. If we do not, we will fall behind,” Holsey said.

The top four minority-owned businesses in Milwaukee were owned by Forest County Potawatomi and Oneida which generated nearly \$140 million dollars in revenue.

“Beyond that we have businesses green energy initiatives, technology subsidiaries, producing some of the finest hardwood in the world including; final four hard wood floors, agricultural endeavors, construction and project management services and golf courses,” she said.

A perfect example of initiative by Wisconsin Native Americans is the upcoming Ladies Professional Golf As-

sociation tournament which is going to be hosted by Oneida Nation and projected to bring in revenue to Green Bay and the surrounding area in access of \$15 million dollars, she said.

Another tribal endeavor that promotes the communities and diversifies is the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) organization, which is to promote tourism featuring Native American heritage and culture. Tourism provides an excellent tactic for tribes to diversify the economies, while telling the true story concerning our history and culture. Tourism is also one of the ways that Tribes can be self-sufficient and boost their economies, she said.

The tribes have also committed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Wisconsin’s infrastructure to build roads, parks, external businesses, and cultural centers.

“We need to build bridges not walls. The tribal nations can support you as we work to address the States need for access to technology. We agree with Governor Walker’s budget and legislation initiatives regarding the ability to expand broadband Internet

access for areas in of need,” she said.

“But it doesn’t stop there. We must also continue to support public television and broadcasting, which serves as an indispensable platform which allows for diverse communication and affords an opportunity to educate,” she said.

“We have to close what I call the opportunity gap. The gap between the haves and the have-nots is far too wide.”

Holsey said the way of life in Wisconsin should not hinge on opinions of political parties.

“Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future,” she said.

Holsey concluded by repeating that progress can only be made through cooperation and concern for the people above all political considerations.

“I thank you for this opportunity. I appreciate you giving me the time to express my ideas, and concerns,” she said. “This was such an honor. Anushiik.”

Tomah middle school students lend their talent for the Digital Storytelling project

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Eight Tomah middle school students recently had the opportunity to create artwork that will last forever. Their photographs will be displayed both in the Tomah Youth and Learning Center and a future Ho-Chunk museum.

A Cultural Photography Show and meal was held on Thursday, March 30, at the center to recognize the achievements of the students and thank them for their efforts. The enlarged and framed photographs were available for viewing.

The effort was part of the Digital Storytelling Project and it was conducted by Museum Director Josie Lee.

Lee has a Master's degree in Museology and she is in the process of Ho-Chunk tribal museum panning, with a focus on everything. At present, a potential museum is still in the planning stages.

"I am not only the museum director, I am the museum," she said, since she is gathering objects for the future project and storing them in various locations since no building has been established. In the meanwhile, she is offering programs to tribal members in the Ho-Chunk communities.

Lee grew up in Tomah and she knew Marty Ybarra, the Tomah Youth and Learning Center director, so she approached him and asked if she could conduct a test program for the museum. She wanted to see if it was a viable program and, if it was, she could bring such programs to other Ho-Chunk youth centers.

"I wanted a storytelling project that used museum objects. I found and applied for a grant that would fund such a project. I obtained the grant," she said. "I wanted to tie in a traditional knowledge source, but make it contemporary."

She chose middle school students because they accept new concepts readily because they are still formulating their ideas.

"I looked at where their interests might lie – something they could use later in life. Nothing too difficult, but could be taken more in depth

if they desired," she said.

They were told to bring a cultural item from home. Some brought from their own, while Lee provided some for those children who might not have had anything to bring.

Although taking the photo didn't take all that long, more of the project was their writing about the object in a cultural sense.

"They did a lot of writing every day," Lee said. In high school, those skills are needed. It's nice to be able to write about themselves and other fields.

Storytelling was a big part. They wrote the script on their own and then read it to be recorded and placed the recording on a Web site. Over the course of two months, they met 12 times to work on the project.



The photos can be seen and their stories heard at <http://cowbird.com/zbsvc/stories/>.

As with any group of children, personalities of the students sometimes play a key role on how the projects turn out.

"Two of the most hesitant children turned out some of the best work," she said.

It definitely taught me things as well, especially skills in dealing with children. You need to keep them entertained while meeting goals and able to do things.

When Lee printed and framed the work, it was a surprise for them to see what their work can look like.

"It's important that they know that small skills could be really great and developed on a professional level, if they choose to do so," Lee said.

Noah Decorah, a seventh-grade student, composed a picture of a basket, wrote a script about the object and then recorded it for the Web site. He is the son of Toni Decorah.

"It was fun," he said. "We had to write the words ourselves. We had to have a partner and we took turns to speak."

Arnell Miles picked out some jewelry for her project. She is the daughter of Heidi and Mike Miles.

"I chose a pair of earrings. I like the way they look," she said. "I wrote a paper about how the earrings connect with Ho-Chunk culture. I had a fun time. It was great to do."

Donations are being accepted for the museum and the programs, which will be placed directly into a museum account. Lee is grateful for the support from Marty Ybarra and Maria Blackhawk at the Tomah Youth and Learning Center, along with the many people who attended the event.



Mya Darge, daughter of Arlene Blackdeer, looks at the photographs on display at the Tomah Youth and Learning Center.



Participating in the Digital Storytelling project are (from left) Noah Decorah, Arnell Miles, Kierra Miles, Savannah Blackhawk, Layla Blackdeer, Vaneua Blackhawk, and Museum Director Josie Lee.



Checking out the artwork are Brandon Winneshiek and Joan Greendeer-Lee. The photographs and the recorded stories about the items, produced by the students, also are available online.

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VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 6, 2017

NEW LUNDA COMMUNITY CENTER

405 State Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI

REGISTRATION IS 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 9:00 AM SHARP!

Team registration fee: \$150

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
NEKOOSA HEALTH
OFFICE
NEKOOSA, WI
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-Ex Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer-CC Rep. Henning Garvin-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-P Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
**CC – Via Conference Call*
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
EXECUTIVE SESSION
11:37 a.m.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ORDER OF THE DAY:
HHCDA
Release to Open Session
Budget Modification
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the Internal Audit decrease 1105-02282017-D3 and to approve the Legislative budget increase 1100-02282017-I in the amount of \$60,000 Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
National American Indian Housing Council
2017 Legislative Conference, Washington D.C.-March 6-8, 2017
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve and allow Legislative Counsel and up to two (2) Legislators to attend and the National American Indian Housing Council, 2017 Legislative Conference on March 6-8, 2017 in Washington D.C. to lobby and attend the conference. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **MOTION AMENDED**, to allow up to three (3) Legislators to attend. **SECOND CONCURS.** 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to move into Open Session. Second by Rep.

Andrea Estebo 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
12:24 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Position Statement
The President can draft a position statement regarding the Nation’s position on HHCDA.
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to recommend on behalf of NAHASDA that Legislative Counsel work with the Executive Branch to draft a position statement and to authorize the President or Vice President to sign. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn, and the next Legislative Meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at Camp Randall Stadium or the Kohl’s Center, Madison, WI. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 11-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12: 34 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
RANDALL STADIUM
BUCKINGHAM CLUB
SKY SUITE-8TH FLOOR
1440 MONROE STREET
MADISON, WI
MARCH 6, 2017**

Call to Order: Vice President Darren Brinegar called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-EX Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-EX Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P (10:17 a.m.) Rep. David Greendeer-EX Rep. Henning Garvin-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-P (10:19 a.m.) Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: Rep. Lori Pettibone offered a word of prayer.
Rep. Andrea Estebo arrived at 10:17 a.m.
Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda **TABLING** under Unfinished Business B. Mahirukara Update, D. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Wittenberg Property Tract 3439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc., and E. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms. Inc, **STRIKING** under Unfinished Business A. Economic Diversification, and C. Waksikma Request, **ADDING** under New Business F. Resolution-Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species with Respect to Non-Metallic Frac Sand Mining and G. Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-07-16 M Granting a Temporary Right of Way Easement to Jackson Electric Cooperative for Power Lines to Benefit the Nation. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Shelby Visintin arrived at 10:19 a.m.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Legislative Meeting-February 21, 2017
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the February 21, 2017 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Special Legislative Meeting-February 28, 2017
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the February 28, 2017 Special Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep.

Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-1 (Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Committee Reports:
Finance Committee-February 22, 2017
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the February 22, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-1 (Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Housing Committee-February 23, 2017
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the February 23, 2017 Housing Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-1 (Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Authorization to Place the Residential Construction Inspection Standard Operating Procedures out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment
MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 A**, Authorization to Place the Residential Construction Inspection Standard Operating Procedures out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Residential Construction Inspector (Dept. of Labor)-Referred from Housing Committee
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **REFER** Residential Construction Inspector job description back to the Housing Committee. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Development Committee-February 28, 2017
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to approve the February 28, 2017 Development Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Fleet Ordinance (2 HCC § 10)
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 B**, Adoption of Amendments to the Fleet Ordinance (2 HCC § 10) with corrections under 3. Declaration of Policy, subsections a and b. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Health, Social Services and Insurance – February 28, 2017
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the February 28, 2017 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Unfinished Business:
Resolution-Granting Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV 17-001
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to **TABLE** Resolution-Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV 17-001 to request more information from the Gaming Com-

Indigenous Health and Wellness Day

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April 20-22, 2017

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mission. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
New Business:
Resolution-Approval of Acquisition of Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy and Establishment of a School under Department of Education
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to **TABLE** Resolution-Approval of Acquisition of Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy and Establishment of a School under Department of Education. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to **REFER** Resolution-Approval of Acquisition of Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy and Establishment of a School under Department of Education to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to hear Mari Magil’s presentation on Rights of Nature next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Presenter on Rights of Nature- Mari Magil
Mari Magil was present to address the Legislature. Ms. Magil works for the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, which is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund assists communities to develop laws to protect the rights of nature.
Resolution-Intergovernmental Agreement Ho-Chunk Nation Probation & Parole & the Wisconsin Department of Corrections
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 C**, Intergovernmental Agreement between Ho-Chunk Nation Probation & Parole Division & the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 4-18-07 A and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #35 of the Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Charles Hindsley
MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 D**, Rescission of Resolution 04-18-07 A and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #35 of the Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Charles Hindsley. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Matt Mullen out of the room.
American Family Insurance Championship Sponsorship Request-D2
Rep. Matt Mullen returns.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve \$5,000 from Charitable Contributions for the American Family Insurance Championship Sponsorship. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 1 Housing-Rep. Greg Blackdeer
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to **TABLE** District 1 Housing. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species with Respect to Non-Metallic Frac Sand Mining (D1 Issue-Rep. Lori Pettibone)
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 E**, Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species with Respect to Non-Metallic Frac Sand Mining. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 8-0-1 (Rep. Henning Garvin) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-07-16 M Granting a Temporary Right of Way Easement to Jackson Electric Cooperative for Power Lines to Benefit the Nation
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 03-06-17 F**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-07-16 M Granting a Temporary Right of Way Easement to Jackson Electric Cooperative for Power Lines to Benefit the Nation. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District Meetings:
District 3-Green Bay District Meeting-February 20, 2017
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Janet Bigfire to accept David Radtke as the Green Bay Ethics Review Board Delegate.
District 4-Milwaukee District Meeting-February 15, 2017
No motions.
Executive Session:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
12:04 p.m.
Rep. Henning Garvin was excused at 1:02 p.m.
Rep. Andrea Estebo was excused at 1:10 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
2:07 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Adjournment:
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Black River Falls, WI at the Tribal Office Building. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MARCH 9, 2017
Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
Roll Call:
President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President
Darren Brinegar-EX Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer- (9:06 a.m.)
Rep. Henning Garvin-EX Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
**CC – Via Conference Call*
Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve with adding B. General Council. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ORDER OF THE DAY:
Resolution-Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore Appointment for Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Case SU 17-02 and Appointment of Judges/Justices for Other Election Cases-Michael Murphy
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 03-09-17 A**, Appointment of Justice Pro Tempore Appointment for Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Case SU 17-02 and Appointment of Judges/Justices for Other Election Cases. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**
General Council-Rep. Matt Mullen
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to add Office of General Council Update to the next Legislative Meeting on March 21, 2017. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
EXECUTIVE SESSION
9:31 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to go into Executive Session as needed. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Release to Open Session
Rep. Shelby Visintin no longer on conference call.
Wittenberg Expansion Public Relations Campaign-Collin Price
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to designate the remainder of the NODAPL funds for the Wittenberg Expansion and to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION**

CARRIED.
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
10:13 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. 9-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MARCH 14, 2017
Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President
Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer-EX Rep. Henning Garvin-P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-EX Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P Rep. Matt Mullen-EX Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ORDER OF THE DAY:
Resolution- Title 1 Contract Continuation for Indian Health Services Fiscal Year 2017 & Annual Fund Agreement-Wally Apland
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 03-14-17 A**, Title 1 Contract Continuation for Indian Health Services Fiscal Year 2017 & Annual Fund Agreement. Second by Vice President Darren Bringer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:11a.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association
Season Opener


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Saturday, May 13th, 2017

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RE-ELECT

MATT MULLEN

DISTRICT 5 LEGISLATOR

SEAT 4


I am honored to announce my candidacy for District 5 Legislator. Over the past four years I have gained a great understanding of the complexities of the HO-Chunk Nation government including its capabilities and limitations. We have reached a crucial point in time and we must move the Nation forward with the resources the world is currently offering. We must progress on the fronts of business, technology, diversification, energy, sovereignty, economy and tribal services to secure our future and better serve the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation. This current political and economical environment demands a strong and experienced government to protect the Nation and win the battles yet to come. As a long time entrepreneur and business owner, Applied Behavioral Science graduate and with my MBA background, I will continue to use my experience and skills to advance the foundation of our community.

If you cast your vote for me on March 7th, you can count on the close observation of the crucial elements facing the Nation today.

A watchful eye on the \$153 million expansion loan
Balancing fiscal responsibility with sound judgment
Continue the economic development efforts
Expand the use of current and future technology
Creation of the Ho-Chunk economy
Advancement of tribal services with accountability
Protect our supreme and independent political authority through sovereignty

I remain committed to building a bigger future and bringing our people together and look forward to serving you over the next four years. I ask for your vote on March 7th.

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May 2017

Spring Clean-Up

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 Reedsburg	2 Baraboo	3 Dells	4 Lyndon Station Timber Run	5 Mauston Wak sik ma
8 Tomah Rural	9 Tomah Rural	10 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa	11 Wisconsin Rapids/Nekoosa	12 Augusta Osseo/Fairchild
15 Hatfield Hixton/Merrillan	16 Neillsville/Dells Dam	17 Brockway Maplewood BRF	18 Komensky Indian Mission BRF	19 Millston
22 Sparta/Cataract	23 La Crosse	24 La Crosse	25 Wittenberg	26
29 Memorial Day	30			

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Allowable Items: Appliances including; microwaves, freezers, refrigerators, ranges, washer, dryers, furniture, computers, TV's, air conditioners, tires(10 max), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattresses and other bulk items.

Items Not Allowed: Trash, clothing, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, or items that pose a hazard such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, ...etc.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, The People of the Winnebago Tribe and Simone P. Aldich, Petitioner, v. Antonio T.S. Baker, Respondent.
Case : CS 17-05

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: **Antonio T.S. Baker**

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See* CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Caitlyn L. Arroyave, Petitioner, v. Rusty J. Lincoln, Respondent.
Case : CS 17-14

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: **Rusty J. Lincoln**

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See* CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, State of Wisconsin and Gloria M. Bell, Petitioner, v. Justin A. Blackhawk, Respondent.
Case : CS 17-07

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: **Justin A. Blackhawk**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled child support matter. This legal notice of the *Petition for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. A hearing shall be held no less than twenty-five (25) days after service of this *Summons* is completed. *See* CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28a. You are hereby notified that **the Court may proceed in your absence and enter a default judgement without your participation if you do not appear at the hearing or respond to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of publication. Id.**, § 7.28d(i). To properly submit a response, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. The response must include a completed financial disclosure, which shall be confidential and available only to the parties and the Court, as well as an authorization for the release of financial records. *Id.*, § 7.28e, g.

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : S.M.N., DOB 8/25/2016
Case : PA 17-04

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: **Shane C. Nicholas**

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a *Paternity Hearing* in accordance with HOCÅK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 a.m.** on the **9th** day of **May 2017** for the following purpose: ***Paternity Hearing.*** Pursuant to HOCÅK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a “Notice to Respondent” that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

Notice to Respondent

a. You have been named in a petition alleging paternity. A judgment of paternity would legally designate the child as your child, grant rights to you, create the right of inheritance for the child, obligate you to pay child support and make failure to pay child support punishable as contempt.

b. You may request a genetic test which will indicate the probability that you are the father of the child. The court will order a genetic test on request from you, a designated tribal agency, or any other party to the case. Any person who refuses to take a court ordered genetic test may be punished for contempt.

c. The petitioner has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that you are the father. If a genetic test shows that you are not excluded as the father and that the statistical probability of you being the father is ninety-nine percent (99.0%) or higher, you are presumed to be the father.

d. The following defenses are available to you:

i. That you were sterile or impotent at the time of conception;

ii. That you did not have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception period; or

iii. That another man did have sexual intercourse with the mother of the child during the conception time period.

e. If you fail to appear at any stage of the proceeding, including a scheduled genetic test, the Court may find you in contempt.

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LETS KEEP THE BUSINESS AT THE TABLE

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DISTRICT 5 LEGISLATOR



SEAT 4

LETS CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND GROW

Request an absentee ballot

Remove & mail - Remove & mail

Request must be in writing no
later than Saturday May 27,
2017 by 4:00pm

Printed Name

Mail to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

Signature

206 South Roosevelt Road

Physical Address (ballot mailed to)



Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Vietnam Veteran's Day Ceremony

Submitted by LeAnthony Pecore, Sr. Mgr of Public Relations, HCG Wittenberg

Every March 29 marks the day we honor all of our men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our liberties and freedoms during the longest conflict in United States history. Precisely, 44 years ago on March 29, 1973, the last remaining American troops withdrew from Vietnam, and President Nixon declared “the day we have all worked and prayed for has finally come.”

For the sixth year in a row, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg recognized Vietnam Veteran's Day with a Flag Raising Ceremony to honor all Vietnam Veterans. Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Lawrence Walker Jr., an area tribal member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and US Army Veteran, described the hardships our service men and women went through after returning from Vietnam.

Walker introduced and turned the microphone over to the Ho-Chunk Nation's Presi-

dent Mr. Wilfrid Cleveland; US Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. President Cleveland entered military service in 1968 by joining the United States Marine Corps as a radio relay operator. As a Corporal in the 1st Marine Airwing, he deployed to Vietnam. His service concluded with an Honorable discharge in 1971.

On March 29, 2010 President Cleveland and the Ho-Chunk Nation recognized this date as Vietnam Veteran's Day. He went on to read from his proclamation stating, “Over 8 million veterans served during the Vietnam era and were not afforded the respect and gratitude they deserved for serving this great country. Let us not forget the 58,195 brave warriors who died defending freedom, the 153,303 brave warriors wounded in action, the 1,948 brave warriors who are recorded as Missing in Action and the 766 brave warriors who were taken as Prisoners of War.” President Cleveland described how flags are draped over our veterans

when they die and it is a representation of the spirit within us. He also explained how service men and women were not welcomed back and had hard times upon their return from war.

Special thanks were given to the Ho-Chunk Veterans who assisted with the flag raising: Anthony Gauthier – US Army (1964-1966), Peter Oknewski – US Army (1970-1979) and Alton “Sonny” Smart– US Army Vietnam (1970-1973) inactive reserve (1974-1977). Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Security Officers who assisted were Gary Snowadzki – US Marine Corps (1973-1979), Scott Mabry – US Army Iraq (2007-2011) and Michael Montgomery – US Army Desert Storm (1991-1998). The Birnamwood Darling-Gunderson Post 341 Color guard presented a military gun salute and played taps and the Lake Delton Singers who brought traditional Ho-Chunk culture to the ceremony by singing the Ho-Chunk Nation Flag Song and the Elliott Decorah Veteran's Song.

We thanked Lake Delton drum group for singing and explained how Indigenous peoples made songs during hard times, many refer to how life is unpredictable and that these songs help us to be steadfast and alert. One of the songs in particular was the Elliot Decorah Memorial Song, it was composed by a relative to honor Elliot Decorah who was one of the 2 fallen Ho-Chunk Veterans that were killed during action in the Vietnam War.



President Wilfrid Cleveland (Keynote Speaker), Lawrence Walker Jr. (Master of Ceremonies).



Lake Delton Singers



Flag Raisers: Scott Mabry – US Army Iraq (2007-2011) and Peter Oknewski – US Army (1970-1979) Ho-Chunk Nation Flag, Anthony Gauthier – US Army (1964-1966), Gary Snowadzki – US Marine Corps (1973-1979) United States of America Flag, Alton “Sonny” Smart– US Army Vietnam (1970-1973) inactive reserve (1974-1977), Michael Montgomery – US Army Desert Storm (1991-1998) POW-MIA Flag.

Vietnam Veteran's Day flag raising HCG-Nekoosa

Submitted by Melanie McDonald, Sr. Manager of Public Relations, HCG- Nekoosa

On Wednesday March 29, 2017 Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa hosted our annual Vietnam Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony. Although the weather was not favorable, and quite windy, there was an attendance of about 50 guests for the ceremony. The Joseph J. White Legion Post presented the ceremony with guest speak Tom Schieder. The Little Thunder Drum Group was also in attendance for the ceremony. Mr. Schieder gave a very moving speech on his experience in Vietnam and how it has made him the person he is today. After the ceremony there was a drawing for gift certificates. We also gave Rewards Play and a free meal to all Veterans



who visited our site that day. Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa would like to thank all Veterans for their service!

Black River Falls Vietnam Veteran's Day Ceremony



A Vietnam Veteran's Day ceremony also was held on Wednesday, March 29, in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building. Jeriah Rave (lower left) is the master of ceremonies while Andy Thundercloud (middle left) gives the keynote address.



\$17,000 GIVEAWAY

APRIL 30 | 6PM | 15 WINNERS

Get your Free entry into the Squirrel Away \$17,000 Giveaway where you could win up to \$2,200 Cash and up to \$2,400 in Gift Cards. There will be 15 winners in all. Earn one additional entry every day when you earn 25 points or play tables for at least one hour.

13 CASH WINNER BREAKDOWN

(1)-\$2,200 (1)-\$1,800 (1)-\$1,500 (1)-\$1,400 (1)-\$1,100 (1)-1,000
(1)-\$850 (1)-\$700 (1)-\$500 (1)-\$350 (1)-\$300 (2)-\$250

2 GIFT CARD WINNER BREAKDOWN

(2)-Gordy's \$1,200 (2)-Whitetail Crossing \$600 (2)-Walmart \$600



COMPETE YOUR WAY TO A MILLION DOLLARS

QUALIFY TUESDAYS | APRIL 4TH - MAY 30TH | 3PM - 8PM

Compete in our weekly TournEvent qualifier tournaments every Tuesday for the chance to win a share of \$20,000 Rewards Play and a seat into the Final Championship on June 4th where two lucky winners will advance to the Las Vegas Million Dollar Event.

SEE THE REWARDS CLUB FOR COMPLETE RULES AND DETAILS.
Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking three (3) qualified candidates to serve as a Committee member's responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ♦ *Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst*
- ♦ *An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance*
- ♦ *Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.*
- ♦ *At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf*
- ♦ *Must be able to obtain a financial bond*

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: **March 31, 2017 to:**



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com

Twelve Clans, Inc. – Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation

Twelve Clans, Inc. is Seeking Prospective Board Candidate to fill Board Vacancy

Qualifications of Board Member

Twelve Clans, Inc. is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

In accordance with Article XI of the Corporate Charter, the Director shall possess the level of business experience and expertise to be necessary to carry out duties of Board Directors and to contribute to the ability of the Corporation to achieve the purpose for which this Charter is issued. Additionally, the Director must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to refer another person for the position, please email info@12-clans.com. Candidates will be evaluated in part on their capacity to meet Director qualifications as laid out in the Corporate Charter.

All recommended Board Candidates must take and pass criminal background check:

- No person convicted of a felony shall sit on the Board.
- No person who has ever been convicted of any crime involving theft or conversion of money or property shall sit on the Board.
- Shall give preference to a person who has good moral character and who meets the requisite licensing requirement, if any.

Twelve Clans, Inc.

Seeking Applicants for Managing Director

Twelve Clans, Inc. (TCI), a Tribal Sovereign Wealth Fund, is seeking interested individuals for the position of Managing Director. TCI is structured as a Section 17 Federal Corporation and is wholly-owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation. The position will be responsible for providing daily leadership and buildout of the fund, in conjunction with the strategic plan and the Board of Directors. Candidates should have extensive experience in executive leadership, deal flow, and a proven record of generating investment returns.

Preferred education, experience, and skills include:

- Detailed, compelling private market investment theses
- Extensive business relationship network and sourcing approach for generating high quality deal flow around investment theses
- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in investment banking, private equity, and/or management consulting
- Direct experience in the origination, structuring, analysis, diligence, closing, board monitoring and realization of private equity investments
- Strong practical experience in structuring, negotiating, monitoring and realizing fund investments and direct co-investment transactions, preferably in a fund of funds context
- Strong understanding of and experienced in building financial models for valuations and financial returns analysis
- Demonstrable and attributable track record of investment success (origination, negotiation, closing, realized returns) in private markets, including lower-middle market growth buyouts
- Sound judgment, particularly in valuation matters, with strong analytic skills and the ability to talk through previous deals comprehensively
- Solid understanding of lower-middle market private equity market dynamics
- Quantitative Bachelor Degree plus MBA and/or Master in Finance from top tier institutions w/ associated network
- CFA and/or CAIA Charter Holder or Candidate

Applicants will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Interested individuals should send a resume and letter of interest to Jason Lambert, Chairman, at jlambert@12-clans.com and copied to Kelly Smith-Haley, Secretary, at ksmithhaley@12-clans.com



Join us for
Spring Camp 2017!

Whirling Thunder Ranch

April 29th • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Games, Cultural Activities, Organic Gardening, Native Crafts, and more!

Everyone welcome!

MONTHLY DUMPSTER SERVICE TO MISSION/SANDPILLOW RESIDENTS

Starting on April 28th there will be a dumpster available to tribal members on a monthly basis for one weekend per month. It will be located at the Indian Mission Community Building located at W8813 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The dumpster will delivered on the last Friday of every month and picked up on the following Monday. The following items cannot be placed in the dumpster:

- Appliances • TV's • Computer Monitors
- Wet Paint • Tires
- Yard debri (leaves, tree branches, bushes, etc.)
- Vehicle Batteries

Delivery dates for 2017:

- April 28th – May 1st
- May 26th – 29th
- June 30th – July 3rd
- July 28th – July 31st
- August 25th – August 28th
- September 29th – October 2nd
- October 27th – October 30th
- November 24th – November 27th
- December 29th – January 1st

Help Wanted

Fort McCoy Project

The training exercise will began on April 29th. The requirements are:

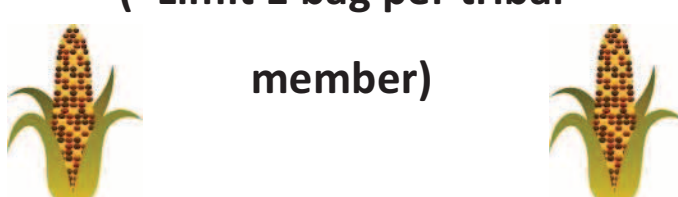
- 18 or over, driver's license, no felonies or pending charges. Ability to work long hours if needed and knowledge of electrical equipment & problem solving.
- 25-30 individuals will be needed preference to ex-military personal.


Pay starts at \$13.00 plus ins. Differential.

Jason Blackcoon
blackcoonjason@gmail.com • (608)633-4092

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources will be giving out 1lb. bag of shelled Indian corn to tribal members beginning March 20th - May 19th in the DNR Office located at the Tribal Office Building.

**(*Limit 1 bag per tribal
member)**





Eileen June Decorah

June 18, 1949 to March 3, 2017

The family of Eileen June Decorah would like to express sincere appreciation to relatives and friends who showed love, support, and made generous donations during Eileen’s illness and the loss of our loved one.

Special thanks to:

The Mann family – Richard, Roberta, Carol, Robert and Randall and the Warrior clan for taking care of Eileen and providing support and guidance to the family.

Darren and Myra Jo Price family for their prayers, concern and loving presence. You were there for Eileen throughout her illness and at her bedside during her final days. Your words and actions were not only a comfort, but a source of strength for the entire family.

Our Kaka’s, the Greendeer women who set up the luncheon, did cleanup, as well as honoring our childhood bond in reliving our younger days. The enduring friendship and all of your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Eileen’s special close relatives and friends whom she loved deeply and were so important in her life. Eileen wholeheartedly loved visiting with her friends and family all her life, spending time was always appreciated especially in her last days.

To all we will be eternally grateful; Pinagigi.

Daughters: Lynne (Beau) Decorah-Tipperry and grandsons Rodney and Conrad; Neile Decorah; Rhiannon (Carlos) Blackdeer de Prado and grandchildren Darwin and Luna.

Siblings: Colleen (Jimmy) Fanning, Tony, Derek and Larry families; Maureen Decorah; Kathleen (Wade) Blackdeer, Elliot, Carolyn, Brett families; Michael (Colleen) Decorah, Jordon, Cherise and Justine; Brian (Amy Ritter) Decorah, Calvin and Jocelyn; Kevin Decorah; Leanne (Daran) Burnstad, Chad, Nicole, and Brock families.


Board of Directors Vacancy Announcement

The Department of Heritage Preservation, which houses the Divisions of Cultural Resources, Enrollment, Language, Natural Resources, and Veterans Affairs, seeks nominations to fill five (5) vacancies on its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors serves in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director. Board Members shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director.

The Board shall be comprised of five (5) Ho-Chunk Nation members selected by the Executive Director and approved by the President, pursuant to the Establishment Act for the Department of Heritage Preservation.

Directors serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms will alternate so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/re-appointed in the alternate years.

To be considered as a nominee, please send a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to Eliza Green, Department of Heritage Preservation. eliza.green@ho-chunk.com, or via USPS, P.O. 667, W9804 Airport Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Care Assistance Program

PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 • (715)-284-2622 • 888-343-8190
Fax: (715)-284-9486


Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL POLICY CHANGES FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/17-09/30/19

Date: May 24, 2017 Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Place: Baraboo House of Wellness Alberta Day Room	Date: May 25, 2017 Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Place: Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Bldg. Conference Room A
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The Public Hearing is to solicit public comments and input into the services that will be provided through the CCDF Federal Funding for child care assistance. CCDF is Child Care & Development Fund.

If you would like to review the present CCDF Policy Handbook and forms, contact:
Child Care Assistance Program at 715-284-2622 Ext. 5148



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RENTAL MANAGEMENT

Rental Management Division

This current tip is for our tenants and homeowners reading this helpful information. Replacing your furnace filters. Replacing your furnace filters at the regularly scheduled intervals will help the HVAC System run more efficiently and extend the life of the system. This will help with reducing the energy costs of running the system which means savings in your pocket. There are inexpensive brands of filters you can purchase at stores like Walmart, Menards, Home Depot ect. There are also more expensive ones that don’t need to be changed as often as most being every 30 days. I hope you find this tip useful and remember you can help yourself with energy cost savings and extending the life of the system that heats and cools your rental or home.

Rental Manager
Elmer Hanson

Rental Coordinator’s
Dawn Wessels
Shelia Stout

RENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE
27374 HWY 21 East, Bldg. #5
PO Box 170, Tomah, WI 54660
Phone: (608) 374-1225 Fax: (608) 374-1233

IMPORTANT NOTICE...

Annual Address Verification Forms (AVF’s) will be mailed on June 1, 2017.

Your mailing address must be received in the Enrollment Office by 4:30 pm on May 15, 2017 in order to receive your AVF at your current address.

You can update your address using the Change of Address form, which can be accessed at: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/enrollment.htm> or by calling the Office at (715)284-7824 ~ (800)331-7824.

NOTICE

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment will be holding its Quarterly Meeting on:

Thursday April 20, 2017

**Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building,
Black River Falls**

At 9:00AM.

Please note: The meeting is open to tribal members

Meeting Notice

Health Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2017
10:00 am

Administrative Conference Room
(New Expansion Side)

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N 6520 Lumberjack Guy Rd
Black River Falls WI 54615

The Health Board of Directors meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

NOTICE AND RULES OF
GENERAL RUN OFF ELECTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

Chapter 1, Section 5. Elections. The Constitution prescribes two (2) types of elections: General Elections and Special Elections. When Three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special Election, there shall be a Primary Election and if required a Runoff Election as described in Section 5, paragraph (1)

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50 %) plus one (1) if the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner.

Therefore the following were Declared Winners in their respective Districts as of Tuesday, March 7, 2017:

District 3, Seat 2: Lawrence Walker, Jr.

District 5, Seat 3: Robert Two Bears

Supreme Court Associate Justice 1: Tricia Zunker

b. General Elections
(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states: Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the HCN General Run Off Election on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

THE FOLLOWING
TERMS OF FOUR (4)
YEARS WILL BE
VACANT:

Legislature
District 1, Seat 1
July 2017 – June 2021
Willette A.Greengrass
Karena Thundercloud

District 1, Seat 3
July 2017 – June 2021
Cari Fay
Hinu (Helgesen) Smith

District 2, Seat 2
July 2017 – June 2021
Roberta M. Decorah
Kristin K.WhiteEagle

District 2, Seat 3
July 2017 – June 2021
Carly Lincoln
Winona Mann

District 5, Seat 1:
July 2017 – June 2021
Joe Brown Thunder
Kathyleen V. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit

District 5, Seat 4
July 2017 – June 2021
Matt Mullen
Patrick C. Red Eagle

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Code Sec.11 (c).
REGISTRATION:
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

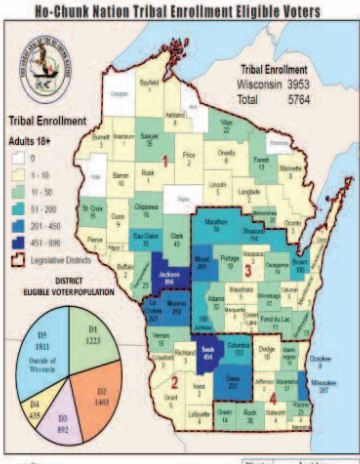
ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.
The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii , (Deadline Thursday, May 18, 2017).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Saturday, March 18, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, May 27, 2017 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, section 13(a), i
Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts. District 5 all areas outside the state of Wisconsin



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:
There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS
LIST
Monday, May 8, 2017

CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR
TO 4:30 PM,
Thursday, May 18, 2017

LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, May 27, 2017

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

POLLING
PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M
AND CLOSE AT
7:00 P.M.

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI.
HHCA
W8813 Mission Road
715/299-6104

•TOMAH, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547

•LA CROSSE, WI.
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025

•BARABOO, WI.
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI.
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM.
BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444

•WITTENBERG, WI.
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN
TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536

•CHICAGO, IL.
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
773/202-8433

•MILWAUKEE, WI.
MILWAUKEE BRANCH
OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680

•MINNEAPOLIS/ ST PAUL,MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH
OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave
651/641-1801

•MADISON, WI.
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
608/277-9964

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.
N957 Dyer Avenue
715/299-6104

•GREEN BAY, WI.
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9TH STREET
920/490-2774

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